

Application No. 09/617,340
Amendment Dated March 2, 2004
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REMARKS

By this Amendment, Claims 33-34 have been cancelled and the Specification has been amended.
Claims 29, 31-32 and 35-38 are pending.

Applicants hereby acknowledge, with appreciation, the indication that Claims 29, 31, 32 and 35-38 are allowable.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings, with particularity to Claim 34. However, Applicants have cancelled Claim 34 and, as a result, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The Examiner has objected to the Specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis with regard to the term "actuator" as well the omission of a brief description to Figs. 10 and 11. To that end, as previously stated, Applicants have cancelled Claim 34 to overcome the objection as to antecedent basis. Furthermore, Applicants have added a brief description of Figs. 10 and 11 that corresponds to the brief description of Figs. 10 and 11 in the parent application 09/176,439 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,099,504).

In addition, Applicants have amended the priority statement to update it to include the U.S. patent number (U.S. Patent No. 6,099,504) of the parent application and to correct its title and to more clearly specify the provisional patent application number in the priority statement. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the Related U.S. Application Data of U.S. Patent No. 6,099,504 which corresponds with the priority statement as amended in the present application.

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Furthermore, three paragraphs were inadvertently omitted from page 16 of the Specification of the present application as filed. As shown in the attached Exhibit B, these three paragraphs (labeled P1, P2 and P3) are in the parent application, now U.S. Patent No. 6,099,504 at column 8, lines 50-67; column 9, lines 1-10; and column 9, lines 21-59, respectively.

No new matter has been added in making these amendments.

A certified copy of the priority document Ireland application no. 970,782 filed on November 7, 1997 is enclosed herewith as Exhibit C.

For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

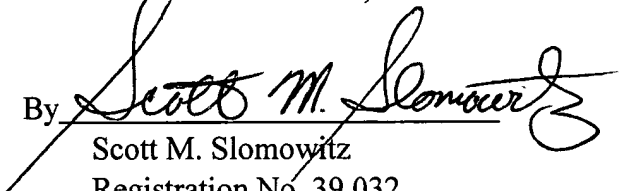
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